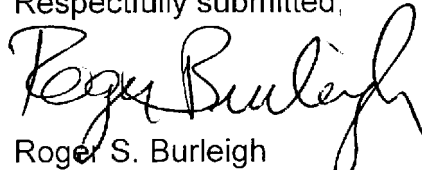


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant elects, without traverse, Group III (Claims 32 - 65¹) of the pending claims; claims 1-31 have been cancelled. In addition to such election, the Applicant has amended claims 32, 34, 40, 49, 51, 57 and 65 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regards as the invention. The Applicant has also added claims 66-78 and 86-97, which are each dependent from claims within Group III. Finally, the Applicant has also added claims 79-85, which are directed to a gateway resource manager having limitations analogous to those of claim 32 and claims dependent therefrom; therefore, such claims are within the scope of subject matter encompassed by Group III. Accordingly, claims 32-97 are now pending in the application.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ The Examiner identified Group III as including "Claims 32-49," which "are drawn [to] [sic] a method and system with means for establishing . . ." The Applicant believes the Examiner actually meant to indicate that Group III includes claims 32-65, wherein claims 32-48 are directed to a method and claims 49-65 are directed to a system having analogous limitations.